received from the five Debts Recovery Tribunals established so far, 1286 cases have been referred to these Tribunals.

Compromise proposals are received by the banks from time to time from the debtors and decisions on this are taken as * per the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India and in accordance with the policy evolved by the Board of directors of each bank. It has, however, not come to the notice of the Government nor any feed back has been received from the RBI and banks so far that a large number of debtors have come forward to settle their dues with the banks on mutually agreed terms as a result of the setting up of Recovery Tribunals.

Share or India in Global Tourist Traffic

•491. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the share of India in global tourist traffic;

(b) the number of tourists who visited the country during 1994-95;

(c) which country, barring Bangladesh and Pakistan, contributed in a major way to the tourist arrival; and

(d) the total foreign exchange earnings in terms of dollar from tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL , AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The percentage share of India in the global tourist traffic during 1994 was about 0.36.

(b) The total number of foreign tourists who visited the country during 1994-95 was 19,07,320.

(c) United Kingdom with tourist arrivals of 3,00,696 remained the major tourist generating country.

(d) The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 1994-95 were US$ 2347.96 million.

Business Management graduates in Air India

*492. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers in Air India with the back-ground of Management education;

(b) whether any survey has been made of the number of Business Management graduates in Air India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether, any effort is under way to update the management of Air India

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) 139 officers in Air India posseses knowledge of business management and allied fields; most of them possessed this knowledge at the time of recruitment.

(d) Air India follows the policy of recruiting officers possessing management degree/diploma at the officer level in the commercial Department. For promotion from lower categories such possession of management background is not insisted upon. Management Development Programmes are also conducted for the officers from time to time.

Private Power Project* in Orissa

*493. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private power pro jects that have obtained all clearances in Orissa; and

(b) by when these private power pro jects are likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) lb Valley Thermal Power Station (2x210 MW) of M/s AES Transpower has obtained all the necessary clearances.

(b) The project is scheduled for commissioning after 41 months from the date of financial closure.

Foreign Exchange Earned from Tourism

•494. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total income in foreign exchange earned from tourism during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to construct big hotels and expand the existing hotels in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Foreign Exchange earned from Tourism in the last three years is:

Year	*Foreign Exchange in Rupees Crores*
1992-93	6060.00
1993-94	6509.00
1994-95	7365.61

(b) No, Sir. The construction of hotels is primarily a private sector activity.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Air India tie-up with Damania Airways

•495. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Damania Airways has signed some interline agreement with Air India in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether such agreement will benefit the country in any way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Air India has signed a unilateral passenger interline agreement with Damania airways on 10.4.1995. Under this arrangement Damania airways honours Air India tickets on their domestic network and Air India pays Damania airways in rupees for this transportation. The following advantages would accrue to Air India and its passengers:—

— Conservation of foreign exchange by Air India as payments to Damania would be made in rupees.

— Better choice of domestic connections to passengers.

— Reduction in airport halt period between international and domestic flights.

Role of Financial Institutions

•496. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any modifications have been brought about in the policy affecting role of financial institutions in disputes between promoters and professional management;

(b) if so, the details of such modifications;

(c) what are the reasons for change in the policy;

(d) whether Government have carefully weighed the impact of such policy; and

(e) the measures taken to protect Government funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY). (a) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that there has not